

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims as follows:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21 and 25-33 are allowed. In response, Applicant formally recognizes the allowance of these claims.

Objection to Claim 28:

In response, claim 28 has been amended to overcome the objection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claim 28, as amended, with express allowance of the same. Applicants note that claim 28 has been amended without prejudice to pursue the original claim in a related application.

Moreover, claims 5 and 15 have been similarly amended as with claim 28 and are considered to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Independent Claims 1 & 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as Unpatentable over Torihara (US 6,609,807) and Watai (US 5,788,356):

In response, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the following limitation not disclosed or suggested by the cited Torihara and Watai references (*emphasis added*):

wherein the light reflecting member includes a chamfer disposed at an edge where a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member, *whereby the chamfer enhances reflection efficiency at a corner of the light reflecting member.*

In page 3, the Action concedes that Torihara fails to disclose the light reflecting member including a chamfer disposed at an edge enhancing the reflection efficiency. The Action purports that Watai discloses, in Fig. 12, a chamfer located at an edge of the reflecting member for reflecting the light towards the incident face. However, Applicant asserts that Watai fails to disclose each and every limitation of presently amended claims 1 and 11.

In particular, as shown in Fig. 12, Watai explicitly discloses that lamp reflector 40 has a totally rounded shape, except for a straight-lined portion corresponding to the purported chamfered portion by the Action. Clearly, Watai discloses in Fig. 12, that the lamp reflector

40 does not have a corner structurally and also does not functionally enhance reflection efficiency at a corner because Watai fails to disclose a corner.

Therefore, since the cited Torihara reference fails to disclose each and every limitation of claims 1 and 11, and the cited ancillary Watai reference fails to remedy the deficiencies of Torihara, these claims are considered to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

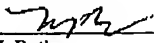
Claims 2-10 and 11-20 are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least their respective dependence on claims 1 and 11 and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Moreover, new claims 34-39 are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least their respective dependence on claims 1 and 11 and such allowance is respectfully requested. New claims 34-39 further define the subject matter of claims 1 and 11.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested and a timely Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding any aspect of the application, please call the undersigned at (949) 752-7040.

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